

## UOSH News Release – 04/21/08

***The Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division  
(Utah OSHA) announces a new safety initiative:***

## CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION EMPHASIS

**Program Name: THE BIG 4**

**Scope: RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION SAFETY**

**Duration: From 06/01/08 to 09/30/08**

**Location: CONSTRUCTION JOB SITES STATEWIDE**



**This Emphasis Program is called the Big 4 and it is designed to help identify and eliminate safety hazards at residential construction job sites, associated with the four major leading causes of fatalities, accidents and injuries in the state of Utah:**

1. Falls from elevations (e.g., floors, platforms, roofs).
2. Struck by (e.g., falling objects, vehicles).
3. Caught in/between (e.g., excavation/trench cave-ins, unguarded machinery, and equipment).
4. Electrical (e.g., overhead power lines, power tools, cords, outlets, temporary wiring).

Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHO's) will visit residential construction job sites to:

1. Determine if serious hazards or imminent danger situations are present. In those cases an opening conference will be conducted and the inspection process will begin, as prescribed by Section R614-1-7.G of the Utah Code.
2. Determine if an effective safety and health program has been implemented. If an effective safety and health plan is not in place, an opening conference will be conducted and the Big 4 inspection process will begin, as prescribed by Section R614-1-7.G of the Utah Code.
3. Determine if Citations and proposed penalties need to be issued for alleged serious violations found during the inspection, as prescribed by Utah Code R614-1-7.
4. Determine if no serious hazards or violations are observed and a safety program is in place. In those cases the CSHO will conduct only an on site assistance intervention.

UOSH remains committed to the safety and health of Utah's men and women working in the construction industry. By initiating this program UOSH is taking positive steps to maximize the protection of employees and eliminate workplace hazards at residential construction sites. For more information, visit <http://uosh.utah.gov/> or call Mr. Eldon Tryon, UOSH Compliance Manager at (801) 530- 6901.